



WALK FOR DOLLARS — Members of the KMHS ICT and VICA walked to Gastonia and back Saturday to raise money for Jerry Lewis' fight against muscular dystrophy. Students and their sponsors included, kneeling left to right, Susan Cannova and Linda Peterson. Standing, Myers Hambricht, Harold Brown, Cindy Bees, Cindy Carpenter and Steve Baker. They raised \$417.67.

Photo By Gary Stewart

## Students Raise Over \$6,000 For MD Fund

Kings Mountain Senior High students danced for Muscular Dystrophy Saturday for 12 hours and raised more than \$6,000, a record in the state by individual schools sponsoring Dance-A-Thon for this worthy cause.

"A great effort such as this would not have been possible without the cooperation and goodwill of the school system, the community and an enthusiastic student body," said Director Steve Baker.

The day's activities featured opening comments by Mayor John Moss, the honorary chairman, the presence of officials from the MD regional office, many MD patients including Robin Heffner, Miss N. C. Wheelchair, and the South Piedmont Poster Child, the dedicated dancing of hundreds of inspired students and special entertainment highlighted by Scott Slade of BIG WAYS and television filming.

Numerous students were sponsored by local businesses, to dance, to rock in a rocking chair marathon that began early in the day, and to walk, all for benefit of the Muscular Dystrophy Association headed up by Jerry Lewis.

Two dozen school clubs conducted projects. Among those projects was a Walk-A-Thon by five members of ICT Club who collected \$416 after walking 20 miles from City Hall to Dixie Village in Gastonia and back.

Joan Baker Modeling School students presented a fashion show as highlight of the afternoon entertainment.

Kings Mountain merchants contributing to the success of the Dance-A-Thon were: Dellinger's Jewelry, Kentucky Fried Chicken, McDonald's of Gastonia, Little Moo, Kings Mountain Drug, Willie's Jewelry, Starship Records, Joan Baker and Models, Clothesline, Stowe's House of Trophies, Coca-Cola Bottling Co., Pepsi Cola Bottling Co., Lance Narron's Auto Parts, KM Fire Department, KM Police Department, Lovelace

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### For Rescue Units

## Two-Cent Tax Levy Could Make Problem

By TOM McINTYRE  
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Monday night a study committee of the Cleveland County Planning Board suggested a two-cent tax rate be considered to raise funds to support rescue work in the county.

The two-cent per \$100 valuation would raise about \$180,000 to supplement the needs of the five rescue units, but according to the study committee's thinking, would not be the primary source of revenue for the units. The committee feels the tax levy funds would supplement funds derived from fund-raising projects, donations and United Fund contributions.

However, there may not be any United Fund donations to the rescue units next year.

Jac ReVille of the Cleveland County United Fund said legally any agency deriving primary support from a tax levy is not eligible to receive United Fund donations.

Larry Wood, president of the Kings Mountain United Fund, said, "When our board meets this May we will seriously consider what to do about the rescue squad budget requests."

Wood said the local United Fund was given to understand that the fees charged for ambulance service would come primarily from patient insurance coverage and that if countians were unable to pay for the service they would not be pressured to do so.

"Now the county has sent out garnishment papers to collect the fees," Wood said, "and that is rubbing a lot of people the wrong way. Our board will give the situation a serious look."

Wood said he couldn't say whether the board will consider eliminating the rescue squad as a recipient agency or will drastically reduce the squad's budget requests for next year.

The two-cent tax levy proposal would eliminate the fee system now set up by the Kings Mountain and Shelby Rescue squads. However, the study committee suggested that out-of-county transports still be charged. Under the plan free ambulance service would be provided throughout the county. Upper Cleveland, Boiling Springs and Grover would still continue operating as volunteer units while Shelby and Kings Mountain would continue with paid men during daylight hours and volunteers for nights and weekends.

Larry Revels remarked prior to the committee meeting this week that about 80 percent of the ambulance fees submitted by the Shelby and Kings Mountain Rescue squads have come from Medicare and Medicaid insurance coverage, but that there are almost \$20,000 in uncollected fees on the books. Because of this the county commissioners ordered garnishment papers be served.

The county has supplemented the Shelby and Kings Mountain units \$1,200 each month to help pay salaries and expenses while supplementing the other three volunteer units only \$150 monthly. This week Upper Cleveland requested the county increase its supplement to \$1,200. Boiling Springs and Grover requested \$550 monthly.

The study committee two-cent tax levy proposal will go to the full planning board, then on to the county commissioners for final action.

## Student Testing Program To Begin

Students will return after a long Easter break on Mon., Apr. 3, to face achievement tests varying from 40 to 90 minutes, depending on grade level, and covering a period of 17 days, including makeup and editing of tests.

The state-wide testing program in grades 1, 2, 3, 6 and 9 will be an experimental program this spring, as was a competency test administered to 11th graders.

Both are laws passed by the state legislature to insure that a high school graduate from a North Carolina school can demonstrate basic, functional skills.

Local educators agree that the new testing program will have a big impact on education — for the first time parents and teachers alike will have information about a student's progress — or lack of it.

Howard Bryant, KM District Schools Director of Instruction and coordinator of the program here, led a training session for local principals and administrators Tuesday and explained the various procedures for testing, reviewing the schedule for each day of the testing program and explaining that an entire class of students must be tested at the same time although make up days are allowed for those pupils missing days of the testing period. Final reports are due to Mr. Bryant by 3 p. m. on Apr. 17.

Mr. Bryant reminded teachers that all pupils are required to use a No. 2 pencil for the tests and that teachers should have a complete knowledge of all materials and practice any sound pronunciation problems they may encounter since some students will be responding to questions orally.

"Timing is most important in the successful administration of these

tests," said Bryant.

He said testing will start at 8:45 a. m. on each of the testing days at the various plants.

To question from North School Principal Richard Greene about exclusion of pupils, Mr. Bryant responded that where possible the test is to be administered to every pupil. However, parents of educable and mentally retarded may request from the school board that their children be omitted from the testing program. "The teacher can not institute the suggestion the child be omitted," said Bryant. Tests are to be conducted orally for visually impaired students.

Mr. Bryant concurred with other principals that the first day of school following a week's vacation is not a good time to test pupils but noted that the schedule was being observed statewide.

Practice tests will be given in grades 1, 2 and 3 on the first day of the testing period.

Teachers will complete student information questionnaires for each pupil, categorizing family income and determining highest level of education attained by either parent.

Mr. Bryant explained that a typed "print out" will be returned for each student, both to the parent and teacher, scoring the student with a plus if he or she achieved the objective, R if the student requires review or practice; and a minus if the student has failed. There will also be a class equivalency report and the teacher's report will be filed at each school with the student's cumulative record.

Beginning in Fall of 1978 all 11th grade students will be required to take and pass a competency test as a requirement for graduation.

## Chamber Banquet Set

Marvin Teer, president of the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association announced that the annual meeting of the association will be Mon. Apr. 10 at the Kings Mountain Depot.

Charles M. Jaco, Jr. will be the guest speaker. He is a partner in the firm of Nathaniel Hill and Associates, Inc. in Charlotte. It is the oldest and largest regional

management consulting firm in the Carolinas.

Jaco's managerial experience has spanned over 30 years. Beginning as a construction worker, he has risen through the ranks to the Presidency of two multi-million dollar companies.

His topic will be "A look ahead at what managerial changes may be expected in business and industry in the United States in the next decade."

## KMLT Show To Open

Kings Mountain Little Theatre will present the two-act romantic comedy, "8 Rms. Riv-Vu" by Bob Randall Mar. 31, Apr. 1, Apr. 7 and Apr. 8 at 8 p. m. in Park Grace Auditorium.

Joe Ann McDaniel is directing the play. Setting is a vacant apartment and the story revolves around a young couple who come to look at the apartment and become locked inside. Their love affair develops.

Lead roles are portrayed by Mary Greene as Anne and Steve Lynn as

Paul.

Supporting actors and actresses are Nan Jean Grant as the woman in 4-A, Debbie Hinson as Janet, Jim Champion, as Richard, Tim Champion as Eddie, superintendent of the apartment house, Pam Wilson as a lady tenant, Mickey Roberts as Larry, and Maggie, as herself, a Labrador Retriever.

Tickets are \$2 for adults, \$1.50 students, and can be obtained at the door.



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